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KINGTON MARKET FAT SHEEP REPORT THURSDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2019

McCartneys of Kington report an entry of 952 sheep on Thursday last the 7th February.

We had a very mixed entry of hoggets and cull sheep in terms of quality. Sheep in all sections sold to a good trade on the week and to a stronger trade than reported earlier in the week.

Demand for sheep meat appears to be under pressure at present with the buyers complaining that it is hard to sell and particularly through the export market.

HOGGETS

We had an entry of 712 hoggets which sold to a good trade on the week and to a slightly stronger trade than reported elsewhere. The handy weight hoggets again from 38kg to 46kg would command the best trade in terms of pence per kg and demand from the buyers. The heavier hoggets over 47kg would be more difficult to sell at present.

The trade was good throughout all weight ranges with good competition from the buyers.

The yard of hoggets ranged from 28 kg to 60kg.

The hoggets sold to a top of £91 per head for some 53kg hoggets from WH Lyke.

The hoggets averaged a good SQQ of £1.96ppk up to £2.10ppk for some 40kg hoggets from AG Jones & Sons and averaged a good £82 per hogget through all the hoggets sold.

The whole hogget section averaged a good £1.90ppk from the lightest to the heaviest in the market.

Hoggets between 32 kg to 39 kg averaged 1.95ppk up to 2.02ppk which averaged £76 per head

Hoggets between 40 kg to 45 kg averaged 1.96ppk up to 2.10ppk which averaged £85 per head

Hoggets between 46 kg to 52 kg averaged 1.78ppk up to 1.90ppk which averaged £86 per head

Hoggets between over 52 kg averaged 1.70ppk up to 1.74ppk which averaged £91 per head

Our light hogget section saw a good trade with hoggets ranging in weight from 28kg to 37kg and averaging a good £1.82 ppk up to £1.90 ppk. All hoggets forward averaged £63 per head up to £70 per head. This section was very mixed this week with several end of run hoggets being cleared up.

We are fortunate to have excellent buyer support from 7 regular buyers giving excellent competition for the hoggets each week.

CULL EWES, TUPS, WETHERS, STORE HOGGETS & GOATS

There was an entry of 240 cull & store sheep, which sold to a good trade on the week. We had a very mixed entry of cull sheep with a large number of thin and small hill bred sheep which has reflected in the average this week.

The cull sheep trade is good for the continental and Suffolk x bred and meated sheep which were obtaining market premiums.

The cull sheep which had a good level of finish sold to premium prices but a good trade was seen on all sorts. Generally the cull trade has improved over the past week which is good to see.

Store hoggets were also well bid for, for further finishing

The cull sheep sold to a top of £91 per head for some Suffolk x ewes from CJ & HM Evans and averaged a good £56 per head which included a large entry of thin and small hill bred sheep. Strong meated ewes sold to the best trade again but a good trade on all sorts was achieved.

Continental x and strong ewes averaged £85 per head and sold up to £91 per head.

Mule type ewes averaged £57 per head and sold up to £75 per head.

Welsh, Speckle and smaller hill type ewes averaged £42 per head and sold up to £55 per head.

Tups sold to £90 per head and averaged £70 per head.

We have buyers requiring store hoggets and light hoggets each week to suffice their orders.

We have buyers for in excess of 2000 hoggets and 750 cull sheep per week to meet our buyers' requirements.

McCartneys at Kington, offer an on-farm livestock grading and marketing advice service on a free of charge basis.

**Kington Market is every Thursday,
Commencing at 11.00am with Hoggets
Followed by Cull Sheep, Light and Store Hoggets**

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